

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006_0769A
Arnt Helge FIDJELAND : **Confirmation No. 6930**
Serial No. 10/579,909 : Group Art Unit 3729
Filed January 22, 2007 : Examiner Azm A. Parvez
A METHOD AND EQUIPMENT FOR : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**
POSITIONING WHEN REPLACING
ANODES IN AN ELECTROLYSIS CELL

ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of January 4, 2011, Applicants hereby elect Group II, which is drawn to equipment for positioning when replacing anodes in an electrolysis cell and is embodied by claims 14-21. **This election is made with traverse.**

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner alleges that the identified groups of invention do not relate to a single general inventive concept because they lack the same or corresponding special technical features. The Examiner indicates that the common special technical feature is an electrolysis cell which is known in the prior art. However, the claims do not simply set forth an electrolysis cell as the common special technical feature. In fact, independent claims 11 and 14 recite several common features (e.g. crane with an anode gripper, and laser-based measuring equipment) and not simply the electrolysis cell as indicated by the Examiner. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to withdraw the restriction and examine claims 11-13 along with claims 14-21.